

implement designed to expel a projectile, switch-blade knife, any blade which is greater than 10 inches in length from the tip of the blade to the edge of the hilt or finger guard nearest the blade (e.g., swords, dirks, daggers, machetes), or any other weapon the possession of which is prohibited by state law. Exception: This rule does not apply in a kitchen or cooking environment or where an event worker is wearing or utilizing a construction knife for their duties at the event.

(b) Firearm means any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, or other device, which is designed to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the ignition of a propellant.

(c) Discharge means the expelling of a projectile from a weapon or the ignition of a propellant.

(d) Discharge means the expelling of a projectile from a weapon.

#### *M. Enforcement*

Any person who violates this temporary closure or any of these temporary restrictions may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of Nevada law.

*Authority:* 43 CFR 8364.1.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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### **Public Land Order No. 7909; Extension of Public Land Order No. 7873; Withdrawal for Land Management Evaluation Purposes, and Correction of Legal Land Description; Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7873 for an additional 4-year term. The withdrawal created by PLO No. 7873 expires on August 23, 2022. This order continues the withdrawal of 694,838.84 acres of public land in Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Pershing Counties,

Nevada from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for 4 years for land management evaluation purposes. In addition, 68,809.44 acres of Federal land in the Dixie Valley area (Churchill County, Nevada) continues to be withdrawn from leasing under the mineral leasing laws. Including the 8,722.47 acres of Department of the Navy (DON) lands, the total Federal land continue to be withdrawn by this Public Land Order is 772,370.75 acres. Non-Federal lands totaling 66,160.53 acres are described within the withdrawal area. Any current or future Federal estate interest in these non-Federal lands is subject to this withdrawal. Additionally, this Order corrects a portion of the legal land description published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2018.

**DATES:** This PLO takes effect on August 23, 2022.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Federal Register Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of August 31, 2018 (83 FR 44654), on page 44657, in the third column, correct Sec. 24 to read as follows:

Sec. 24, those portions of lots 1 and 2 lying north of the southerly line of a dirt road, and lots 3 thru 6, and 11 thru 14.

#### **Extension of Duration of Withdrawal**

PLO No. 7873 withdrew 694,838.84 acres of Federal land in Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Pershing Counties, Nevada, for up to 4 years from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, and leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The purpose of this withdrawal extension is to maintain the current environmental baseline, relative to mining, mineral exploration and

development, and geothermal energy development for land management evaluation purposes. The extension of PLO No. 7873 includes 68,809.44 acres of Federal land in the Dixie Valley Training Area from the mineral leasing laws (not currently withdrawn from these laws under Section 3016 of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2000, Pub. L. 106–65), to maintain the current environmental baseline, relative to mineral exploration and development for land management evaluation purposes, subject to valid existing rights.

Including the 8,722.47 acres of Department of the Navy (DON) lands, the total Federal land included in the withdrawal extension is 772,370.75 acres. Non-Federal lands totaling 66,160.53 acres are described within the withdrawal area. Any current or future Federal estate interest in these non-Federal lands is subject to this withdrawal.

The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension because the BLM and the DON are engaged in the evaluation of issues relating to possible future legislative transfer of the subject land to the jurisdiction of the DON in connection with the DON's modernization of Naval Air Station Fallon, Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada (FRTC). The DON anticipates requesting a legislative withdrawal of these additional lands and requested that the Department of the Interior extend PLO No. 7873 withdrawal an additional 4 years. PLO No. 7873 is incorporated by reference (83 FR 44654).

#### **Order**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, PLO No. 7873, which withdrew 694,838.84 acres of public land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws and 68,809.44 acres of Federal land in the Dixie Valley area from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, including the 8,722.47 acres of Department of the Navy (DON) lands, totaling 772,370.75 acres of Federal land is hereby extended for an additional 4-year period. Non-Federal lands totaling 66,160.53 acres are described within the withdrawal area. Any current or future Federal estate interest in these non-Federal lands is subject to this withdrawal extension.

2. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on August 23, 2026,

unless, as a result of review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Temporary Seasonal Closure of Public Lands in La Plata and Montezuma Counties, CO

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a temporary closure to all forms of entry will be in effect seasonally for certain public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Tres Rios Field Office in La Plata and Montezuma Counties, Colorado. The temporary closure is necessary to protect critical wildlife habitat and minimize stress to wintering mule deer and elk and nesting raptors.

**DATES:** In the Durango area of La Plata County, the temporary closure of BLM-administered lands identified as critical winter wildlife habitat will be in effect annually from 12:01 a.m. on December 1 through 11:59 p.m. on April 15, with possible extension through April 30 if conditions warrant. The temporary closure of BLM-administered lands identified as critical raptor habitat will be in effect annually from 12:01 a.m. on March 15 through 11:59 p.m. on July 31.

In the Cortez area of Montezuma County, the temporary closure of BLM-administered lands identified as critical winter wildlife habitat will be in effect annually from 12:01 a.m. on December 1 through 11:59 p.m. on April 30.

All times noted are local.

The temporary seasonal closures take effect on August 1, 2022 and will expire 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** of a final supplementary rule implementing the 2015 Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP).

**ADDRESSES:** The temporary closure order, maps of the affected areas, and documents associated with the

temporary closure order will be made available and posted at the Tres Rios Field Office, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The need for these temporary seasonal closures is identified in the record of decision for the Tres Rios Field Office RMP and the supporting environmental impact statement (EIS). The BLM affirmed that its environmental analysis conducted in that EIS adequately informed, under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the decision regarding these temporary closures in La Plata County. That determination of NEPA adequacy is contained in the worksheet titled "Seasonal Wildlife Area Closures on Public Lands in La Plata County, Colorado" (DOI-BLM-CO-S010-2020-0006-DNA). BLM conducted additional site-specific analysis of the effects of the Cortez area closures in an environmental assessment for the Tres Rios Field Office entitled, "Transportation and Access Plan, Travel Area 1: Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma Counties" (DOI-BLM-CO-S010-2018-0013-EA).

#### I. Durango Area Closures

In 1971, the BLM and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) identified the need to preserve critical winter range to minimize adverse impacts and prevent disturbance to wintering elk and mule deer. The BLM purchased land on Animas City Mountain from The Nature Conservancy and entered into a joint plan with CPW for managing Animas City Mountain and the Perins Peak Wildlife Management Area. Perins Peak was also identified as critical nesting habitat for peregrine falcons. In 1999, the BLM and CPW identified a similar need to manage for critical winter range within the Grandview Ridge Recreation Management Zone (RMZ) and developed a management plan for the Durango Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA).

#### II. Cortez Area Closures

The BLM designated the Cortez SRMA during revision of the Tres Rios Field Office RMP. The RMP identifies the need for annual seasonal closures in the Chutes-n-Ladders, Summit, and Aqueduct areas of the Montezuma Triangle RMZ within the Cortez SRMA. These areas provide critical winter range for elk and mule deer and are identified in the Colorado action plan for implementation of Department of the Interior Secretary's Order 3362, "Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big-Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors" (2018). When the BLM developed the SRMA, it implemented seasonal wildlife closures as a mitigation measure in response to the designation of elk and mule deer critical winter range in the Cortez SRMA.

**Description of Closed Areas:** This temporary closure affects the following BLM-administered public lands within the Tres Rios Field Office in La Plata County, Colorado: Animas City Mountain and Grandview Ridge RMZs within the Durango SRMA and the Perins Peak Wildlife Management Area; and in Montezuma County, Colorado: Aqueduct, Chutes and Ladders, and Summit areas of the Montezuma Triangle RMZ within the Cortez SRMA.

The legal description of affected public lands is as follows:

##### Grandview Ridge RMZ

*New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado*

T. 34 N., R. 9 W., North of the Ute Line  
Sec. 3, lots 5 thru 13, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 4, lots 5 thru 12;  
Sec. 9, lots 1, 2, 4 and 5;  
Sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 34.5 N., R. 9 W.,  
Sec. 34.  
T. 35 N., R. 9 W.,  
Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 34, lots 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15;  
Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The Carbon Junction Trail will remain open to its intersections with the South Rim and Sidewinder Trails. The Crites Connection Trail will remain open from its intersection with the Carbon Junction Trail to its intersection with the Telegraph Trail. The BLM will post signs at the Carbon Junction Trailhead indicating the extent of the closure area boundary and at each closed intersection indicating the points where the closure area begins.

##### Animas City Mountain RMZ

*New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado*

T. 35 N., R. 9 W.,  
Sec. 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
Sec. 6, lot 18;